(9) what are the amounts spent in Mattancheri and Ernakulam in such destruction of rats?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Rs. 7,606—3—0.

(2) Ernakulam 3.
Mattancheri 14.

(3) 2 sprayers, from the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats, Rs. 47—0—0.

Anti-plague vaccine with two outfits, from Haffkine Institute, Bombay, Rs. 757—13—0.

Rat traps, from T. A. Ponnu & Co., Rs. 284—0—0.

Rat traps, bought by Mattancheri Municipal Chairman, Rs. 523—5—0. Cost of poison, baits, etc., Rs. 655—10—0. Barium Carbonate was purchased from Dadha and Company.

(4) Nil.

(5) There was no unspent balance.

(6) Temporary shed in the General Hospital for rat examination Rs. 15.

Telephone connection Rs. 75 by Indian Post and Telegraph Department.

Plague camp in Palluruthy Rs. 242—3—8

This was carried out under the management of the Mattancheri Municipal Chairman.

(7) Items 1 and 2 were made use of almost every day. Item 3 was not made use of as no one took advantage of the facility so provided.

(8)	Mattancheri	3,214
	Ernakulam	1,990
	Total	5,204
(9)	Cost of traps	807—5—0
	Poison, baits, etc.	650—5—10
	Total	1,457—10—10

Extension to Dr. Verghese.

283. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the last extension was given to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer; what was his exact age at the time of extension?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That he might, as Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, participate in the opening ceremony of the Adoor Leper Asylum. His age was 65 years 10 months and 12 days on 1st January 1931, his date of birth being 18th February 1865.

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